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EUMMARY: ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU PAID STATE VISIT  
TO PHILIPPINES APR 9-12. IT WAS FIRST VISIT OF SOCIALIST  
HEAD OF STATE TO PHILIPPINES AND AS EXPECTED GOP SUCCESSFULLY  
USED IT TO RESTATE AND AMPLIFY NEW THEMES IN FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS-- BROADENED RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST AND THIRD  
WORLD, LESSENING DEPENDEDNCE ON US, AND INCREASED PROFITS  
FROM "EASTER"TRADE. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE OF  
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VISIT WAS UNDERSTANDABLY RELATIVELY SLIGHT. JOINT COMMUNIQUE

VAGUELY ENDORSED BALKANS AND INDIAN OCEAN AS NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES OF PEACE (AS WELL AS ASEAN S.E. ASIAN ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL AND PHILIPPINES ASIAN FORUM CONCEPT.) PRESS PLAYED UP GOP AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE 500 ROMANIAN TRACTORS AND \$3.6 MILLION WORTH OF OIL EQUIPMENT, AND ROMANIAN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE \$31 MILLION "SOFT" LOAN FOR POWER PLANT. ROMANIAN FIRST COUPLE APPEARED DOUR AT FIRST BUT THAWED CONSIDERABLY UNDER ONSLAUGHT OF FORCED DRAFT PHILIPPINE HOSPITALITY. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS AND IMELDA PULLED OUT ALL STOPS IN GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO MAKE FIRST VISIT OF A SOCIALIST HEAD OF STATE TO PHILIPPINES A MEMORABLE MULTI-MEDIA HAPPENING. GOP USED VISIT PRIMARILY AS OPPORTUNITY TO RESTATE NEW DIRECTIONS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS (BUILDING RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND LDCS, AND SHIFT AWAY FROM RELIANCE ON US.). SINCE ROMANIA IS SMALLY COUNTRY NONALIGNED WITH COMMUNIST GIANTS, THESE THEMES (WHICH ARE STILL NEW AND ZESTY TO BOTH GOP AND PHILIPPINE PUBLIC) COULD BE SOUNDED WITHOUT CREATING UNDUE ALARM OR CAUSING RISK OF UPSETTING DELICATE PROCESS OF "NORMALIZATION" WITH SOVIETS AND CHINESE. FACT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND PHILIPPINES ARE (FOR OBVIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL REASONS) OF SLIGHT SUB-STATIVE CONSEQUENCE TO EITHER COUNTRY FURTHER FACILITATED SHOW OF CAMARADERIE.

2. FROM PHILIPPINE POINT OF VIEW, HIGH POINT OF VISIT WAS PRESENCE OF ROMANIAN PRESIDENT AT APR 10 BATAAN DAY CEREMONY (WHICH WAS POSTPONED A DAY TO ACCOMMODATE VISIT.) IN PAST, THIS ANNUAL RITE HAS CELEBRATED TRADITIONAL US-PHILIPPINE FRIENDSHIP MADE SACRED BY BLOOD SHED MUTUALLY IN DARK DAYS OF EARLY WORLD WAR II. THIS YEAR MARCOS (WHILE NOT NEGLECTING NOD IN DIRECTION OF CONTINUING US TIES) STRESSED "LESSON" OF BATAAN THAT FILIPINOS MUST NEVER AGAIN DEPEND ON FOREIGN POWERS TO DEFEND THEM. FOLLOWING APR 12 FAREWELL BANQUET GOP ANNOUNCED THAT IN LIGHT OF SHIFTING WORLD BALANCE OF POWER, REEXAMINATION OF US BASES AGREEMENT IS UNDERWAY (REF A). ALTHOUGH THESE PRONOUNCEMENTS WERE MAINLY PROMPTED BY EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE AFTER ORIGINAL PLANNING OF CEAUSESCU VISIT, HIS PRESENCE PROVIDED A PARTICULARLY APT CONFIDENTIAL

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AND CONGENIAL FORUM FOR EXPRESSING THEM.

3. IN MASSIVE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING CEREMONIAL DETAILS OF VISIT (STATE DINNERS, ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES, GRANTING OF HONORARY DEGREES TO BOTH CEAUSESCUS, ETC.) MEDIA STRESSED THEME THAT GOP IS ENGAGED IN BUILDING NEW NETWORK OF FRIENDSHIP WITH HEITHERTO NEGLECTED SOCIALIST AND "THIRD" WORLDS. THIS HAS BECOME FOREIGN POLICY LEITMOTIF

OF MARCOS' "NEW SOCIETY". GOVERNMENT HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO PICTURE NEW BROADENING OF RELATIONS NOT ONLY AS TRENDY EFFORT TO KEEP UP WITH (OR AHEAD OF) JONES IN WORLD AFFAIRS, BUT ALSO AS MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE REFORM WITH SOLID PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES (FOR EXAMPLE, GUARANTEE IN ARAB OIL SUPPLY AND GOODWILL REGARDING MINDANAO REBELLION).

4. AS EXPECTED, RITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT FAR OUTWEIGHED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE. GOP HAS ANNOUNCED SIGNING OF "NINE ACCORDS" INCLUDING JOINT COMMUNIQUE, JOINT DECLARATION (THESE TWO BOTH MAINLY STATEMENTS OF NOBLE INTENTIONS), A TRADE AGREEMENT, BASIC AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, CULTURAL AGREEMENT, VISA AGREEMENT, ECONOMIC REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT, AND AGREEMENT ON EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF TRADE. (TEXTS OF SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE DEPARTMENT AS AVAILABLE).

5. ON POLITICAL SIDE, JOINT COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF "IMPORTANCE" OF TRANSFORMING AREAS "SUCH AS" BALKANS AND INDIAN OCEAN INTO NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES OF PEACE AND COOPERATION. COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED "HOPE" FOR FORMATION OF PHILIPPINE-PROPOSED "ASIAN FORUM" AND SIMILARLY VAGUE GOOD INTENTIONS RE ASEAN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN S.E. ASIA.

6. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, REPORTEDLY GOP AGREED TO BUY FIVE HUNDRED ROMANIAN (UTB) TRACTORS DURING 1975 (PACKAGE INCLUDES SERVICING BY ROMANIAN TECHNICIANS) AND \$3.6 MILLION WORTH OF OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT (REPORTEDLY TO BE USED IN ON-SHORE EXPLORATION IN CAGAYAN VALLEY OF LUZON). ROMANIANS GRANTED \$31 MILLION "SOFT" LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THERMAL (OIL OR COAL FIRED) POWER PLANT ON CEBU. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE ROMANIAN OFFICIAL REMAINED IN MANILA TO CONTINUE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

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TO GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY (PNA) ROMANIANS ALSO AGREED TO PURCHASE \$65 MILLION WORTH OF NICKEL OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS. NOT MENTIONED IS FACT THAT PHILIPP BROTHERS OCEANIC INC. NEGOTIATED THE CONTRACT DIRECTLY BEFORE THE CEAUSESCU VISIT. LOCAL PHILIPP REP WHILE NOT REVEALING EXACT AMOUNT INDICATED THAT TOTAL WAS LESS THAN THAT MENTIONED IN PRESS. GOP URGED ADDITIONAL PURCHASES OF LONG LIST OF COMMODITIES POINTING OUT THAT PRESENT TRADE UNBALANCED IN ROMANIAN FAVOR. ACCORDING PRESS, ROMANIAN OFFICIAL REMAINED IN MANILA TO CONTINUE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

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7. ERRATIC AND SOMETIMES HEAVY-HANDED BEHAVIOR OF ROMANIAN CHARGE BOGDAN BALTAZAR CAUSED SOME ANNOYANCE. DURING PRE-VISIT NEGOTIATIONS ON VARIOUS AGREEMENTS BALTAZAR ATTEMPTED TO BROWBEAT MIDDLE-LEVEL FILIPINOS BY CLAIMING (FALSELY IN SOME CASES) THAT MATTERS ALREADY SETTLED AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOP. HE ALSO ALLEGED TO US EMBOFFS THAT CIA HAD ATTEMPTED TO SABOTAGE CEAUSESCU VISIT BY CIRCULATING NASTY STORIES ABOUT HIM (BALTAZAR). HE WAS FEELING NO PAIN AT THE TIME AND WE DOUBT THAT HIS REMARKS WERE CALCULATED. HE HAS ALSO COMPLAINED TO GENERAL VER THAT DFA PROTOCOL HAD TRIED TO SABOTAGE HIM.

8. CEAUSESCUS SEEM TO HAVE HELD UP NOBLY UNDER STRESS OF OVERPOWERING HOSPITALITY AND MANILA'S TREMENDOUS SUMMER HEAT. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT BOTH VISITORS (BUT ESPECIALLY MME.) WERE INITIALLY PUT OFF BY FORCED FAMILIARITIES  
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OF HOSTS,BUT THAT BY END OF VISIT THEY HAD THAWED  
SOMEWHAT AND ADJUSTED TO DEMANDS OF CALYPSO CULTURE. MARCOSES  
REPORTEDLY FOUND IT SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO COMMUNICATE WITH  
VISITORS, NOT SURPRISING CONSIDERING LANGUAGE BARRIER (WHICH  
REQUIRED INTERPRETERS) AND FACT THAT RESPECTIVE FIRST  
FAMILIES HAVE VERY LITTLE IN COMMON. ASIDE FROM ITS USE-  
FULNESS TO PHILIPPINE SIDE AS A FORUM FOR CELEBRATION OF  
NEW TRENDS IN FOREIGN POLICY, VISIT GAVE MANY LOCAL LEADERS  
A FIRST REAL GLIMPSE OF COMMUNIST OFFICIALDOM, AS WELL AS  
EXPERIENCE IN MANAGING SECURITY ASPECTS AND OTHER DETAILS  
OF SIGNIFICANT COMMUNIST PRESENCE IN MANILA WHICH SHOULD  
BE USEFUL IN FUTURE.  
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